

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

This is a disgrace that political propaganda should be permitted by you to be aired. I would remind you of the consequences of propaganda used by Hitler for purposes of genocide. It is difficult to separate that propaganda from your efforts to have George Bush elected again and the concomitant loss of life of those who serve in the military in a "war" we cannot win - especially those who cannot earn enough money to support their families in the current destructive economic policies of this administration and subsequently "enlist" in the "volunteer army".

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.